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Information is included on curriculum, job assignments for graduates, and instructors' salaries and living accommodations.

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General

1.

[redacted] The Language Institute was composed of several three and four-story buildings which occupied the area of a city block, surrounding the main building located at Metrostroyevskaya ulitsa, 38, Moscow.

[redacted] the student body to be approximately 10,000, and the faculty to include several hundred instructors. Quarters were provided for only those students who came from outside of Moscow.

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Curriculum, Classes and Job Assignments for Graduates

2. Although practically every language known to the world was taught in this school,

[redacted] primary emphasis was placed on the following subjects: English, French, Spanish (discontinued in 1954), Chinese, Teaching Methods, Psychology, and Marxism-Leninism. The language courses consisted of five one-year terms, with a two-month school vacation each year. In addition to learning the language, students were required to study the history and geography of the country concerned, and the culture and psychological behavior of the natives of the particular area.

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3. [redacted] although the institute operated on a definite schedule, from 0800 to 1330, and from 1400 to 1940, daily, individual student attendance was dependent upon personal requirements. One day, a student might attend classes only in

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the morning, other days only in the afternoon. [redacted] student attendance was very flexible, and in most cases controlled by the particular language professor. After the evening meal, students were required to spend two to three hours in study halls preparing lessons for the following day. 25X1

4. [redacted] approximately three months before graduation students filled out forms indicating preference for future job assignments. Wherever possible, 25X1 students were given the assignment of their choice, but in most cases the Institute was governed by instructions from the Ministry of Higher Education. [redacted] students were not required to complete the five-year language course and could submit a letter of resignation at any time. However, since the majority of student 25X1 were young women whose aim was to become language teachers, only a few submitted resignations [redacted] 25X1

Instructors' Salaries and Living Accommodations

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5. [redacted] salary as a [redacted] language instructor was 1,050 rubles per month [redacted] study halls at night, 25X1 [redacted] only 525 rubles per month. [redacted] income was adequate because living expenses in Moscow were extremely low. In 1954, when [redacted] language classes were discontinued, [redacted] was granted a pension of 104 rubles per month. [redacted] supplemented this income by teaching Spanish, French, and Russian to individuals [redacted] 25X1

6. [redacted] most of the instructors hired by the Institute lived considerable distances from the Institute. [redacted] a ten-story apartment building on the northwest section of Moscow [redacted] charges 25X1 for a ten by eight feet room with cooking facility [redacted] seven rubles per month. Electricity cost between three to four rubles per month during the summer and between seven or eight rubles per month during the winter. Gas bills were between three or four rubles per month during the entire year. [redacted] 25X1

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Personalities

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7. [redacted] names of the following [redacted]

PIVOVAROVA, fnu.

Director of the Language Institute.

MARKOV, fnu.

Secretary of the Institute, also Russian language

instructor.